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Reported Held in Russia U.S. Presses for Info on Missing Tourists

The State Department continued today to press the Soviet government for information about two missing American tourists reported under detention in a Russian border town for taking photographs.

Soviet officials have been silent on the fate of the men. Mr. Kaminsky, 28, of Jefferson Township, Mich., and Harvey C. Bennett, 26, of Bath, Me.—despite repeated inquiries.

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The department said yesterday, however that another American tourist told U. S. officials he had seen Mr. Kaminsky Aug. 25 in the In-tourist Travel Agency hotel at a Soviet border control point in Uzhgorod on the Czech border.

The department said the man quoted Mr. Kaminsky as saying he "was under detention for having taken a photograph." It also said a second tourist reported he spoke to both men at a Kiev hotel Aug. 18.

The last direct word from the two men, who were traveling together, was a post-card received by Mr. Bennett's wife Sept. 6. In the card, dated Aug. 19 and post-marked Vrnitza, another Soviet town near the Czech border, Mr. Bennett wrote that he and Mr. Kaminsky had auto trouble but planned to leave Russia in about 10 days.

Mrs. Bennett said last night at Bath that she was "alarmed" to get the latest report. She said, "All along, I thought perhaps they were being held. I would feel a lot better if I knew where they are." (UPI)